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*Joint Force Maritime Component
Commander (JFMCC) War Game
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Introduction. The JFMCC war game was conducted at the Naval War College (NWC) in Newport, Rhode Island 12-21 November 2003. The JFMCC war game is part of the Navy's annual Service, or Title X, war game series. The *Global* series focuses on different aspects of Sea Power 21, which outlines the future of Naval warfare.

Purpose. The JFMCC War Game evaluated the proposed JFMCC operational planning process as outlined in the JFMCC TACMEMO. Specifically the game looked at dynamic planning within a battle rhythm structure, with the goal of refining the process, vetting the organization and products, and describing them in greater fidelity. The functions of the Future and Current Operations Cells were the main focus of the war game.

Game Scenario. The Naval War College, Wargaming Division (WGD) used a modified Millennium Challenge 02 scenario and adapted it to a 2007 timeframe.

Objectives. The JFMCC war game exercised and assessed how JFMCC processes described in the TACMEMO were used by a notional JFMCC staff to:

1. Manage its internal execution and planning processes
2. Perform dynamic retasking and replanning within current & future operations
3. Interact with the other functional component commands (JFACC, JFLCC, and JSOTF)
4. Interact, with the focus on future and current operations, with the JFC
5. Interact with its subordinate commands (focus on future ops planning)

USMC Participants. Fifteen Marines participated in the game. The senior Marine (O-6) participated as the Deputy JFMCC Commander.

Insights. The following issues came out of the war game.

1. There is a training shortfall concerning the planning process. Participants did not understand what specific input and output was expected during each step of the planning process.
2. Information management needs to be addressed in the TACMEMO. Participants were unable to effectively handle the information flow.
3. Key concepts such as the Maritime Task Plan and the Maritime Mission Order, designed to help integrate planning, need to be revised to improve the process.
4. More clearly defined roles and responsibilities within the JFMCC staff should be addressed in the next revision of the TACMEMO.

Way Ahead.

- **Jan '04** Leadership direction and guidance provided based on war game
- **Feb '04** Workshop to rewrite the TACMEMO attended by stakeholders
- **Jun '04** Exercise revised TACMEMO during JTFEX04-2
- **Jul '04** Revise TACMEMO based on JTFEX04-2 in support of Sea Viking '04

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